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SUBJECT: NEPALESE INTEREST IN US-CANADIAN TRADE/BORDER  
CONTROLS

1. IN RECENT DISCUSSION ON VARIOUS TRADE MATTERS BETWEEN  
EMBOFF AND NIDHENDRA RAJ SHARMA, JOINT SECRETARY (COMMERCE)  
IN MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, SHARMA SAID THAT GON  
WAS NOW TAKING CERTAIN ACTIONS TO STRENGTHEN CONTROL OF  
INDO-NEPALESE CROSS-BORDER TRADE (PRESUMABLY TO MEET INDIAN  
COMPLAINTS OVER SMUGGLING FROM NEPAL TO INDIA). IN THIS  
CONNECTION, HE SAID, GON WAS INTERESTED IN MAKING STUDY OF HOW  
US-CANADIAN BORDER OPERATES, WITH THE FOCUS NOT SO MUCH ON  
BORDER OPERATIONS PER SE AS ON HOW QUESTIONS OF CROSS-BORDER  
TRADE ARE HANDLED. SHARMA SAID HE WOULD WELCOME WHATEVER  
INFORMATION WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO HIM IN  
FORMS OF BOOKS OR STUDIES. IN ADDITION, HOWEVER, GON HOPES  
IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO SEND AN OFFICIAL OR TWO THE U.S.  
FOR DISCUSSIONS OF PROCEDURES AND CONCEPTS WITH APPROPRIATE  
OFFICIALS IN CONTEXT OF HOW US-CANADIAN CROSS-BORDER TRADE  
WORKS, AND WONDERED WHETHER USG MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE  
A STUDY TOUR GRANT FOR THIS PURPOSE. EMBOFF SAID STUDY  
TOUR GRANT WOULD PROBABLY BE DIFFICULT, BUT WE WOULD SEE  
WHAT WE COULD DO TO BE HELPFUL.

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2. COMMENT: WE RECOGNIZE THIS IS VAGUE REQUEST, AND US-  
CANADIAN BORDER SITUATION IN TERMS OF TRADE MAY NOT BE  
SUFFICIENTLY RELEVANT TO INDO-NEPALI CIRCUMSTANCES TO  
WARRANT ANY EXTENSIVE RESPONSE. MINIMALLY, HOWEVER,  
WE WOULD LIKE TO BE RESPONSIVE WITH ANY APPROPRIATE LITERATURE  
THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE, AND WOULD WELCOME DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS

ON FEASIBILITY OF A STUDY TOUR IN TERMS BOTH OF RELEVANCY TO  
GON CONCERNS AS WELL AS OF COST FACTOR (GON MIGHT BE PREPARED  
SHARE COSTS).  
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